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Bidwell Launch Ramp Open

Lake Oroville State Recreation Area (LOSRA) will be opening a low water gravel launch ramp at Bidwell Canyon on August 27, 2014. This ramp was coordinated through a joint effort between California State Parks (CSP) and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to meet public launching needs, maintaining marina shuttle service, and to enhance rescue response times due to dropping water levels.

DWR and CSP installed an aircraft landing mat near the Bidwell Canyon Boat Ramp today to open a single-lane low water gravel boat ramp. A boarding float has also been installed for boaters. CSP will maintain the ramp, boarding float, and a light station at the ramp. The portable restroom will remain at the lower parking lot for visitors. This area is four wheel drive recommended.

The Spillway low water gravel ramp, which opened last week, will also remain available. Thus, there will be a total of two gravel launch lanes available at Lake Oroville for Labor Day Weekend and beyond. As a reminder the Spillway Low Water Gravel Boat Ramp is posted four wheel drive vehicles only.

Launching is available for non-motorized watercraft at the Diversion Pool, below the dam, and the North Forebay west of Highway 70.

Lake Oroville's aquatic recreational opportunities for kayaking, canoeing, paddle-boarding, and rowing remain available at the Forebay Aquatic Center. Bidwell Canyon and Lake Oroville Marina offer a wide variety of boat rentals to enjoy the uncrowded atmosphere provided on the lake.

To confirm public accessibility of Lake Oroville recreational opportunities, call the Lake Oroville Visitor Center at 530-538-2219.

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